

REMARKS

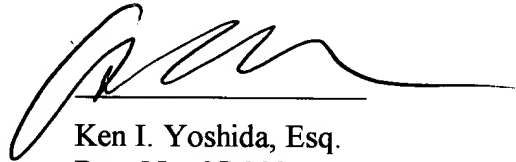
The Office Action mailed on March 2, 2004 is not clear as to which claims have been rejected, allowed and objected. According to the Office Action Summary, no claims are rejected while claims 3-12, 15-24 and 26-36 are objected. However, Allowable Subject Matter on Page 4 of the detailed action specifies that claims 3-12, 15-24 and 27-44 have been allowed. It is respectfully assumed in this response that only claims 37 through 44 have been allowed and that 3-12, 15-24 and 27-36 have been objected.

Based upon the above assumption, objected claims 3, 15 and 27 have respectively incorporated the subject matter limitations of now cancelled claims 1-2, 13-14 and 25-26. In addition, the proposed response also cancels claims 4, 16 and 28. Newly amended independent claims 3, 15 and 27 no longer recite "the first distance being longer than the second distance." Because of the lack of the above limitation, it does not matter which point is the first or second point. For this reason, the recitation, "the ratio of the first distance over the second distance is equal to or more than four" should actually cover all of the preferred embodiments as shown in FIGURES 8, 11, 14 and 15. The scope of the allowable subject matter limitations should be the same as what the Examiner has indicated.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a favorable Office Action so indicating.

Respectfully submitted,

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